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JAMES MILLER has just ready a number of new editions of well-known standard works, in elegant bindings and neat print, suitable for holiday gifts, including Elizabeth Barrett Browning's poems, Moore's "Irish Melodies," Alexander Smith's poems, Strickland's "Queens of England," in a neat box; "Arabian Nights," Child's "Progress of Religious Ideas," Mayne Reid's works (in 17 volumes), and a *Parlor Library*, full of attractive reading, in three volumes.

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Alcott, Louisa M. Under the lilacs. Bost., Roberts Bros., 1878. 6 + 305 p. il. S. cl., \$1.50.

Annotated poems of English authors, see Stevens, E. T.

Arblay, Mme. Frances B. d'. Evelina; or, the history of a young lady's introduction to the world. N. Y., Harpers, 1878. 81 p. Q. (Franklin sq. lib., no. 22.) pap., 15 c.

Bismarck-Schönhausen, C. E. Leop. O., Prince von. Letters to his wife, his sister, and others, 1844-70; tr. from the German by Fitz^h Maxse. N. Y., C. Scribner's Sons, 1878. 10 + 259 p. S. cl., \$1.

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Carpenter, Ste. H. The elements of English analysis illustrated by a new system of diagrams. Madison, Wis., W. J. Park & Co., 1877. 39 p. S. bds., 25 c.

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Morgan, Legal maxims, 2d *c.*, *net.* \$2; shp. 2.50

E. P. DUTTON & CO., N. Y.

Dix, Sermons..... 1.75

HARPER & BROS., N. Y.

Arblay, Evelina (F. S. L., no. 22).... Pap. 15

Notley, Time shall try (F. S. L., no. 21). Pap. 15

M. L. HOLBROOK & CO., N. Y.

Holbrook, Hygiene of the brain..... 1.50

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Buckelew, Dictation lessons in drawing. Bds., *net* 30

LINDSAY & BLAKISTON, Phila.

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J. B. LIPPINCOTT & CO., Phila.

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Derry, Georgia.....\$1; pap. 60

His heart's desire..... 1.50

Macdonald, Guatemozin..... 1.00

Plumer, The Christian..... 1.00

Reiter, Treatment of diphtheria..... 60

Shippen, Thirty years at sea..... 1.50

Stevens and Morris, Annotated poems of Eng. authors. *Cont.*: Gray's Elegy in a country church-yard, 20 c.—Goldsmith's

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Traveller, 25 c.—Scott's Lady of the lake, 1st canto..... 25

NATIONAL TEMP. SOC., N. Y.

Richmond, Harry the prodigal..... 1.25

Sweet, Coals of fire..... 1.00

PALLISER, PALLISER & CO., Bridgeport, Ct.

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Butterfield, Punctuation..... 40

Carpenter, Elements of Eng. analysis. Bds. 25

T. B. PETERSON & BROS., Phila.

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J. A. & R. A. REID, Providence, R. I.

Denison, Westerly.....\$2.50; full goat 5.00

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Alcott, Under the lilacs..... 1.50

CHAS. F. ROPER, N. Y.

Adams, Life of Jesus Christ..... 2.50

- D. VAN NOSTRAND, N. Y.
Cain, Maximum strain in framed bridges
(Sci. ser., no. 38).....Bds. 50
J. FRED WAGGONER, Chicago.
Maher, On the road to riches.....\$1.50
T. WHITTAKER, N. Y.
Browne and Ellicott, Inspiration of holy
scripture..... 75
Hodder, On holy ground..... 1.50
Norton, Warning and teaching..... 2.00
Outlines of sermons..... 2.00

- A. WILLIAMS & Co., Boston.
Simmons, Peace on earth....\$1.50; pap.\$1.00
Stanley, The east and the west.....Pap. 25
Whipple, Free trade in money.....Pap. 25

- WILLIAMSON & CANTWELL, Cincinnati.
McLean, Mastodon, mammoth, and man.. 50

- R. WORTHINGTON, N. Y.
Smith, Wealth of nations, *n. ed.*..... 1.25

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ROBERT CARTER & BROS., N. Y.

- Water Gypsies. By L. T. Meade.
The Gabled Farm; or, Young Workers for the King.
Rose Barton's Mistake.
Margery's Son. By Holt.
Bel Margery. By Meade.
Your Brother and Mine. By Meade.
A new volume of Dr. Bonar's poems.

CASSELL, PETTER & GALPIN, N. Y.

- New Greece, Political, Social, and Domestic. By Lewis
Sergeant. Demy 8°, with 2 maps. Cl., \$3.50.
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Life of Christ. By F. W. Farrar, D.D., F.R.S. *Ill. ed.*
300 original il., 32 steel plates, col. map. Cr. 4°. Cl.,
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Nelson, A.M. With 32 pages of photo. il. by Thos.
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LINDSAY & BLAKISTON, Phila.

- On the Surgery of the Face. With 100 illustrations. By
Francis Mason, M.D. 8°.
Section Cutting: a Practical Guide for the Preparation and
Mounting of Sections for the Microscope. By Dr. Syl-
vester Marsh. 12°. Il.
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Curability, and Treatment. By Peter Gowan, M.D. 8°.

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- Revival Sermons. By Rev. Daniel Baker. 1st and 2d ser.
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of the Michigan Forests. By Luo., author of "Wreck of
the Little Ship." 18°.
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- The House of God the Home of Man. By the Rev. G. E.
Jelf.
Savonarola: His Life and Times. By Rev. Prebendary
Clark.
The Coran: Its Composition and Teaching, and the Testi-
mony it bears to the Holy Scriptures. Ed. by Sir Wil-
liam Muir.

PUBLISHERS' PRIORITY CLAIMS.

From the New York Commercial Advertiser for the
week ending October 17.

OCTOBER 10.

- Harper & Bros.:—Land Ahead.—Light and Shade.—A
True Marriage.—Reminiscences of Many Years, by Lord
Teignmouth.—Life of a Scotch Geologist.—Beneath the
Wave.—Grandmother Dear.—Saneta Christina.—Records
of My Girlhood.—Robin Adair.—The Lovers of Arm-
stead.—Within Sound of the Sea.—Nanny.—Master Rot-
by.—A Man of His Word.—The Gladiator.—Asiatic Tur-
key, by Grattan Geary.—From Kulja, across the Tian
Shan to Lob-nor.—Two Friends.—Rachel Olliver.—Wan-
derings in Patagonia.—Plevna, the Sultan, and the Porte.
—New Greece.—Stories from the History of Rome.

- J. B. Lippincott & Co.:—Our Lady of Tears.—Writ-
ten on their Foreheads.—Records of My Girlhood.—Rob-
in Adair.—The Lovers of Armstead.

- Chas. Scribner's Sons:—Selected Essays, by A. Hay-
wood, Esq.—Dante, an Essay by Dean Church.—Sacred
Classics for English Readers.—Covin's Revenge.—Decis-
ive Events in History, by Thos. Archer.—Practical The-
ology, by Professor Van Oosterzee.—The Cambridge
Greek Testament, edited by the Very Rev. J. J. S. Per-
owne, D.D.—History of Ancient Egypt, by George Rob-
inson, M.D.—Saint Paul at Athens, by Charles Shak-
speare.—Niccolo Machiavelli and his Times, by Professor
Villars.—Art of Thinking and other Essays, by James
Hinton.

OCTOBER 11.

- Harper & Bros.:—Auld Lang Syne, by the author of
"The Wreck of the Grosvenor."

- Chas. Scribner's Sons:—Ihne's History of Rome.—
Duncker's History of Antiquity.—Reminiscences of Many
Years, by Lord Teignmouth.—Records of My Girlhood,
by Mrs. Butler (F. A. Kemble).—Stories from the History
of Rome, by Mrs. Beesly.—Selected Essays, by A. Hay-
ward.—Plain Proofs of the Great Facts of Christianity,
by Rev. F. R. Wynne.

OCTOBER 12.

- Houghton, Osgood & Co.:—Literary Studies, by Wal-
ter Bagehot, edited by R. H. Hutton.—Past, Present, and
Future of the English Tongue, by W. Marshall.—Records
of My Girlhood, by Frances Ann Kemble.—Old Paris and
its Literary Salons, by Lady Catherine Charlotte Jack-
son.—Chinese Buddhism, by Thomas Edkins.—Life of
Yakoob Beg, by Charles Boulger.—Warren Hastings, by
L. J. Trotter.

- R. Worthington:—Saint Paul at Athens: Spiritual
Christianity in Relation to some Aspects of Modern
Thought. Nine Sermons preached at St. Stephen's
Church, Westbourne Park, by Charles Shakespeare, Assis-
tant Curate. With Preface by the Rev. Canon Farrar.—
A History of Our Own Times, from the Accession of
Queen Victoria to the Berlin Congress, by Justin McCar-
thy.

OCTOBER 14.

- Harper & Bros.:—Two Friends.—Under which King?—
Donna Quixote.—Queen of the Meadow.—Wanderings in
Patagonia.—John Smith.—Near the Llagunas.—By-Ways.
—The Garden at Monkholme.—At the Eleventh Hour.—
Social Twitters.—Jobson's Enemies.—Stories that Come
True.—Master Whitcombe's Trust.—The Sherlocks.—
Phoebe's Fortunes.—The Shadow of the Altar.—The Se-
crets of the Sands.—Left Alone.—Sympathy.—Esmee.—
Veronica's Home.

OCTOBER 16.

- Harper & Bros.:—Kenneth Trelawney.—Life of Ya-
koob Beg.—Warren Hastings, by L. J. Trotter.—Down by
the Drawle.—A Journey in Araucania.—Through Rough
Waters.—Records of My Girlhood, by F. Kemble.—The
Secret of the Sands.—A True Marriage.—Royal Windsor.
—Memoirs of the Life of Anna Jameson.—An Old Story
of My Farming Days.—Cressida.—Elizabeth Eden.—The
Martyr of Glencree.—A Hero of the Pen.—The Braes of
Yarrow.—Nanny.—Master Bobby.—A Man of His Word.
—Clouds and Sunshine.—Victorinus.—Stories from Vir-
gil, by A. J. Church.—Within Sound of the Sea.—
Through a Needle's Eye.—The Gladiator.—The Land of
the Leal.—Half-hours of a Blind Man's Holiday.

- J. B. Lippincott & Co.:—A Canadian Achilles, from
the German of E. Weber.—Wuriz's Elements of Modern
Chemistry, from the French by Wm. H. Green, M.D.

- T. B. Peterson & Bros.:—La Faute de L'Abbé Mou-
ret.—La Fortune des Rougon.—La Curée.—Le Ventre de
Paris.—La Conquete de Plassans.—L'Assommoir.—Son
Excellence Eugene Rougon.—Contes a Ninon.—Nou-
veaux Contes a Ninon.—Les Rougon-Macquart, by Emile
Zola.

The Publishers' Weekly.

OCTOBER 19, 1878.

PUBLISHERS are requested to furnish title-page proofs and advance information of books forthcoming, both for entry in the lists and for descriptive mention. An early copy of each book published should be forwarded, to insure correctness in the final entry.

The trade are invited to send "Communications" to the editor on any topic of interest to the trade, and as to which an interchange of opinion is desirable. Also, matter for "Notes and Queries." Notes from librarians will also be gratefully received.

In case of business changes, notification or card should be immediately sent to this office for entry under "Business Notes." New catalogues issued will also be mentioned when forwarded.

"Every man is a debtor to his profession, from the which, as men do of course seek to receive countenance and profit, so ought they of duty to endeavor themselves by way of amends to be a help thereunto."—LORD BACON.

RESULTS OF THE POSTAL CONFERENCE.

THE Postal Conference of last week was especially valuable in the precedent it set for consultation of the government departments with the general public. Though called by certain gentlemen who signed the invitation, the Conference was initiated by officers of the Post Office Department, who are to be heartily thanked for this happy innovation. If the government will thus welcome discussion and advice from those most concerned in any given matter of legislation or administration, it will fulfil its function so much the better.

There was unfortunately some confusion in the plan or management of the Conference which made the scope of the discussion a subject of decided misunderstanding. The call centred the Conference on the bill now before Congress, and Mr. Harper, in calling the meeting to order, emphasized this view of its scope. A discussion of this bill necessarily involved the question of registration, which is its leading, though perhaps not its most important, feature, and on this question those who did not believe in registration as well as those who did certainly had the right to be heard. But the Business Committee included in their programme the wide question of the proper functions of postal administration, which opened the door to an indefinite discussion far outside of whether the pending bill was an improvement on the existing system or contained a principle inadmissible in itself. As a matter of fact, the Conference was in the main composed of friends of the pending bill, and it was not therefore fairly constituted to discuss the general principles of government. The minority, though it could not complain that it was

not heard, since it occupied the major part of the discussion, was nevertheless at a disadvantage, and the majority manifested an unfortunate eagerness to "put things through," which came very near resulting in ill-feeling. The report of the Committee on Resolutions, which should have served as a basis of action, was thus hurried through at the last moment, and it was necessary to refer all the practical points of the bill, several of which might have been discussed usefully in the Conference, to a General Committee through which the Conference will really do its work. This Committee, however, includes most of those who have been most vigorous in postal reform, and will accomplish important results.

There was a strong opposition to the registration clause, especially from Mr. Tousey and Mr. Farrelly, both of the American News Company, who came as the representatives respectively of the Chamber of Commerce and of the United States Board of Trade, on the ground that it established a discrimination which could not wisely be intrusted to the government. Mr. S. S. Wood based his opposition on the ground that purely advertising sheets were as educative as any other periodicals, and Mr. Clark, from one of the Boards of Trade, objected to discrimination because he thought it well for the prosperity of the people that the postal facilities should be given the widest range and be made a convenience for shopping. Mr. Tousey believed in reducing postal administration to the simplest terms, paying by weight only to the transportation companies, but providing fast mails and slow mails at a discriminating postal rate. Mr. Hutchins, Mr. Price, Mr. Bicknell, and Mr. Houghton, in advocating the bill, either insisted on the importance of discrimination in favor of the education of the people, or advocated registration as necessary to protect the government from abuse of the existing bulk rate and as a logical result of the system of discriminating classification. It seems to us that this last is the satisfactory reason for the advocacy of registration, but the bill should contain every safeguard against its misuse as a means of government censorship. The Committee will doubtless strongly favor registration, and it is not unlikely that it will accept the admission to bulk rates, urged by Mr. Harper and Mr. Farrelly, of the "cheap libraries," which are scarcely periodicals in any fair use of the word. They are entitled to respect as a means of popular education, but have the same rights as other books, and no more, to postal privileges.

Among other modifications referred to the Committee, and likely to be favorably reported,

are the admission of author's manuscript at printed rate; the permission of a written statement of price in a book, and of the publisher's name or address, in writing or print, on the wrappers of bulk-rate matter; the abolition of the extra rate at carrier offices on periodicals not weeklies; and the adoption of a section providing for the forwarding of insufficiently prepaid letters, and for the notification to sender of the detention of letters not prepaid at all. A proposition to abolish the county newspaper privilege was received with favor, but it was thought questionable whether it is worth while to arouse Congressional opposition on this point.

We have given much attention to this postal question, because the publishing trade is peculiarly concerned in it, and it is right that the matter should receive very general attention therefrom.

WE are about commencing our promised endeavor to collect the materials for a Book and Stationery Trade Directory, which we shall first present by cities and States through the columns of the PUBLISHERS' WEEKLY, commencing with the city of New York. For practical reasons, it is proposed to begin with the book trade proper, and then to add stationery and associated trades. We trust those concerned will aid us by prompt answer to our queries, which will not take time or trouble to answer, and that we may also have from those generally acquainted with the trade in special localities such help as will be required to make the work complete.

A PERPLEXED publishing house voices again the general perplexity regarding sizes. To avoid the prevalent confusion, we recently adopted the scale recommended by the American Library Association, of which the data are given preceding our Weekly Record. This is simple and easily understood. The centimeter designation can be translated into inches pretty closely by allowing $2\frac{1}{2}$ cm. to an inch, but the better way of calculating sizes is by a convenient and cheap rule, on which these are stamped, furnished by the Supply Dep't, A. L. A., 37 Hawley St., Boston, for a few cents.

PERSONAL NOTES.

MR. H. O. HOUGHTON, of Houghton, Osgood & Co., has gone westward for a few weeks' trip.

THE following Publishing Committee of the N. E. Historic Genealogical Society for 1878-9 has been chosen, namely, John Ward Dean, Rev. Lucius R. Paige, Henry H. Edes, Jeremiah Colburn, William B. Trask, and Henry F. Waters.

THE POSTAL CONFERENCE.

AFTER the debates on specific subjects suggested by the Committee on Business, and the presentation of resolutions in modification of the proposed bill, the Committee on Resolutions presented their report, as follows:

"*Resolved*, That the primary object of the postal service is the dissemination of correspondence and intelligence for the benefit of the whole people, and that its highest function consists in affording the greatest facility for the interchange of thought and opinion upon subjects of common interest. As an educator and an agent of the greatest importance in the promotion of the public good, the Post Office Department should altogether refuse its facilities for the distribution of matter deemed injurious to the public morals; should limit its facilities in the transportation of matter designed simply for the promotion of individual interests; but should carry with the fewest restrictions, and at as cheap a rate as possible, that matter which tends to promote the public good.

"*Resolved*, That experience having demonstrated that facility of frequent, punctual, and quick communication are elements of profitable commerce, it follows that rapidity of transit, convenience of deposit, and facility of delivery, which the institution of the post office was calculated to secure, are elements which very largely tend to promote postal revenue. For these reasons the government should encourage the fast-mail service and the extension of the letter-carrier system so that the deliveries may be increased and its field of operations made more general.

"*Resolved*, That we indorse the purpose and scope of the pending bill relating to classification of mail matter and rates of postage thereon; the principle of registration of second-class matter, uniformity of rates upon the same kind of mail matter, and simplification of mail matter; and we recommend such a bill to Congress as may be calculated to promote the public convenience, suggesting, however, such revision as shall, among other things, prevent the Post Office Department from unjustly refusing registration, as shall define third-class matter, and shall specifically repeal such provisions of existing law as are intended to be superseded.

"*Resolved*, That we express our gratification at the recent steps taken by the Post Office Department to promote the convenience and efficiency of the service in its registering third-class matter, and gratefully recognize its courtesy in inviting the public to present its views upon proposed legislation, and we pledge it our hearty co-operation in preparing for the country a postal system which shall wisely secure the general dissemination of intelligence in the interest of the public's good.

"*Resolved*, That as the service of the Post Office Department tends so largely to the development of our commercial and national prosperity, the appropriations made by Congress for the maintenance of that service should be made in a spirit of liberality as well as wise concern for the public good.

"*Resolved*, That the thanks of the members of the Postal Conference are extended to Hon. T. L. James, Postmaster of New York, for his courtesies in extending to us the use of his rooms for the meeting of the Conference, and for various kindnesses shown to the members of the Conference."

These resolutions were hotly debated, Messrs. Sinclair Tousey, S. S. Wood, P. Farrelly, Clark, Houghton, and Bicknell taking the prominent part in the discussion. Several proposed amendments, against limitation and discrimination, were proposed and voted down, and the resolutions were finally adopted as reported.

The Committee on Permanent Organization, consisting of Messrs. Bicknell, Clark, and Wattles, reported against a permanent association, but proposed that the work of the Conference on the pending bill be left in charge of an Executive and a Finance Committee. This report was carried and such committees appointed, but later on a reconsideration was had, and the two were consolidated into a General Committee, with power to appoint sub-committees and to increase their number to twenty. This committee held a meeting after adjournment and organized as follows: J. W. Harper, Chairman; H. E. Simmons, Secretary; E. E. Thorne, Treasurer; W. H. C. Price, P. Farrelly, B. Blakeman, New York; W. Lippincott, Philadelphia; C. Randolph, Chicago; C. L. Thompson, St. Louis; E. L. Joy, Newark; C. Hutchins, Boston; H. O. Houghton, Cambridge; W. B. Judson, Chicago; W. E. Sheldon, and T. W. Bicknell, Boston; H. C. Lea and J. D. Wattles, Philadelphia; Geo. Bliss, New York; W. V. McKean, Philadelphia. Sub-committees on Resolutions and on Finance were appointed, and to the former, consisting of Messrs. Hutchins, Bicknell, Farrelly, Price, and Wattles, were referred the resolutions of amendment offered at the Conference.

After resolutions of thanks to Chairman Thorne and Secretary Simmons, the Conference adjourned.

AMERICAN FICTION.

IN the November *Scribner* Dr. Holland has an editorial on "The Magazine," in which he says that *Scribner's Monthly* saw that "it could do no better for its own countrymen and for American literature than to discard utterly the British novel, and get the best American novel it could to take its place. The result," he says, "is already most encouraging. The names of several writers will occur to our readers who have been developed under this policy, and who, without it, would have secured but a limited hearing—possibly no hearing at all. If writers have been developed, readers have been pleased." Dr. Holland adds, "There is but one English writer—a woman—who can command a better audience in America than the woman whose novel we begin in the present issue of the *Monthly*" (referring to Mrs. Burnett's "Haworth")—"a woman first made known to the world through these pages, and developed through the policy now under notice. The next three years are likely to furnish further instances of this development of writers upon our own soil, working with material furnished by our own American life. It certainly is gratifying to witness the growing interest in home writers, and to find it for the interest of home magazines to discard the foreign writer, or to give him the subordinate place which he ought to hold among the American readers of current fiction."

Such encouragement as this, the new Harper "Library of American Fiction," and like aid, will doubtless do much for the development of American fiction.

THE ODELL CATALOGUE.

PERHAPS the finest sales-catalogue ever produced in this country, indeed one of the finest yet produced anywhere, is that prepared for the library of Mr. Andrew J. Odell of this city by Mr. Geo. P. Philes, and issued from the press of Sears & Cole, 51 Maiden Lane. This first volume—for the sale of November 18th and following days, at Messrs. Bangs' auction rooms—includes about half the books of the library, as they happened to run. Mr. Philes is now at work on the second half. The arrangement within the volume is alphabetical.

Mr. Odell, who is a very careful scholar and bibliomaniac, with a knowledge of the inside as well as the outside of books, has made this library his hobby for many years, and the entire collection is estimated to have cost above \$50,000. Many of the books are enriched by frequent notes, mostly bibliographical, in his curiously neat chirography. The library is very rich in early printing, rare black-letter books, fine copies of the famous presses and first editions; and bibliography is its subject-specialty. Among its treasures in this department we may note an almost unexampled collection of the works of the bibliographer Peignot, covering 41 numbers in the catalogue; the very beautiful Dibbins, including the rare early editions and presentation copies of the scarce pamphlets; and one of the 60 copies of the Fortzas catalogue, the most successful and amusing bibliographical hoax ever gotten off, of which Mr. Philes gives a very full and entertaining account in one of his valuable notes. This was a sales-catalogue of only 52 numbers, but each of them unique, which was sent to about that many French bibliomaniacs in 1840. Each was appealed to by some special treasure, and the most famous collectors of France, trying each to steal a march on the other, met in the stage-coach on their journey to the little town of Binche, where the sale was to be held. It was presently announced that the sale would not be held, the books having been secured for the public library of the place, but it was some time before the crazed bibliomaniacs discovered that every title in the catalogue was a pure manufacture. A full set of the publications of the English Text Society may also be mentioned here.

Among the early books and first editions may be noted a superb copy, formerly in the Harleian Library, of the rare first Italian version of Pliny, from the press of Nicolaus Janson, Venice, 1476; a fine copy of Philoponus, with the very rare Columbus plate, in the notes to which Mr. Philes has done some very careful and laborious bibliographical work; the first (except folio) edition of Dante, from the Aldine Press in 1502, a copy earlier than the use of the "Aldine Anchor" by that famous house; a remarkable collection of Boethius, ten numbers, the first and other editions; a like collection of the "Ship of Fools;" the first edition of Burton's "Anatomy of Melancholy;" and the first American edition of Homer in the original, 1814, supposed to be from the first font of Greek type made in this country. But it is impossible to give any adequate notion of the remarkable riches of this library, now unfortunately to be scattered. The dulness of the times will undoubtedly give opportunity for many rare bargains, and it is good luck for this country, but we fear bad luck for the owner, that the collection did not seek a

market abroad. European bidders will doubtless be generally represented, however.

The volume is published in the regular edition, which is very handsomely gotten up, at \$2; in a fine edition, on all-linen paper, and with rich illumination in color, at \$5. This last is a triumph of American typography. All the black-letter titles are given in that font, and between twenty and thirty special alphabetic signs were cast to match, for the purpose of making an exact record of the actual title. Mr. Philes' work, in collation, carefulness of record, and in the exceptionally elaborate bibliographical notes, has made this catalogue a marvel of its kind, *facile princeps* in American sales-cataloguing.

COMMUNICATIONS.

THE BACKING OF BOOKS.

ALBANY, September 12, 1878.

To the Editor of the Publishers' Weekly:

I wish some man of experience in the trade might be tempted to express an opinion, with reasons, adverse to the very common modern custom of printing the titles on the backs of new popular books bound in cloth in fancy type, *especially antique and Gothic forms*. I should think that every book so lettered would lose one half of the purchasers it might otherwise secure, simply from their inability to read the title as they look at it on the counter of a store. No amount of familiarity that even the learned have with these antique forms makes it easy to decipher them, and to the great majority it may be said to be impossible. Let the back of a book have any amount of gilt and colored ornamentation that may be convenient, but let the lettering of the title be simple and clear.

H. A. HOMES.

[Dr. Homes rather exaggerates the influence of back title on the sale of books, but certainly the principle he advocates is a good one.—ED. P. W.]

STILL ANOTHER TRADE HELP WANTED.

PARIS, TENN., Oct. 7, 1878.

To the Editor of the Publishers' Weekly:

I notice that you seem to be apprehensive that your patrons will complain of your having "too many irons in the fire." I will venture, however, to suggest another for your consideration. It seems to me if there was a list of the best-selling miscellaneous books, about size of Educational Catalogue, with retail prices, etc., on which the retailer could have his imprint, it could be used to advantage. I need something of the sort myself. It might pay the retailer to keep many of the books in such a list on hand. I am satisfied I could sell a great many more books than I do if I had some way of bringing my business and stock before the people. The *Literary News* and the *Monthly Book List* are more suited to regular book-buyers than for the use I would put the list referred to. They are too ephemeral in their nature for what I want. For the retailer to get up a list of his own would be too expensive.

The making of such a list as referred to would, of course, require great care and discre-

tion, as only the very best selling books of each publisher would be admitted. In fact, the aim ought to be so far as possible to have only such books as almost every retail bookstore would require, so that as many of the books might be in stock as possible, making it appear to be as far as practicable a *bona-fide* list of the stock of the dealer whose imprint it bears. I hope you catch my idea—sometimes I think perhaps the big dealers do not understand the wants of the small dealers as well as they should.

T. C. MCNEILL.

[This is a practical suggestion, which we have before had in mind, and which we intend some day to carry out. Such a list made up by the trade itself, after the manner of the prize questions, would probably be most valuable.—ED.]

THE PERPLEXITIES OF SIZES.

MADISON, WIS., Oct. 10, 1878.

To the Editor of the Publishers' Weekly:

...We confess ourselves puzzled to describe the size of either of the books. They are both printed as 16-page forms, hence *must* be an *octavo*; but as we can find nothing to designate the size of the paper but inches, we feel we must appeal to you for a name, and would ask as a favor if you would post us on 12mos, 8vos, 4tos, etc., etc. We observe on our shelves books varying in size from one eighth of an inch to one inch, and often hear them designated by the *learned* as *twelvemos*, but by no mode of figuring are we able to reach such sage conclusions. We know that your experience is like ours: that endless sizes without a proper regard to a recognized or uniform size of sheet lead to unsightly-looking shelves, irregularity in classification, and a tendency to the accumulation of dust and dirt, as no protection is afforded the edges of the books by a close-fitting shelf. If you can assist us in retaining a uniformity of sizes in books, "we shall ever pray," and remain,

Yours truly,

WM. J. PARK & Co.

A CARD.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Aug. 1st, 1878.

To the Editor of the Publishers' Weekly:

The late copartnership of Milton Bradley & Co. having gone into liquidation, the stock, patents, copyrights, designs, and manufacturing and lithographic machinery have been mainly purchased at assignee's sale so as to remain undivided, and the party purchasing will continue the business of the old concern in all its branches, and with increased facilities under the same business name and style of Milton Bradley & Co.

Mr. Milton Bradley has been engaged to take the management of the new concern, and will devote to it his entire personal attention.

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Soliciting the patronage heretofore bestowed on the old firm,

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BOOK NOTICES

CROSS' ECLECTIC SHORT-HAND, by J. George Cross. (Griggs.) The system embodied in this work is a radical departure from the art of short-hand. It is designed to simplify short-hand writing, and is adapted both to popular use and reporting. It comprises three styles of writing, namely, corresponding or business style, abbreviated corresponding, and reporting style. It consists of an alphabet of 26 letters, representing the same powers as the English alphabet, with nothing new to be learned in its use except the new forms of letters. The alphabet is constructed from the arcs and axes of the inclined ellipse, instead of from those of the circle, which is the basis of all the old systems. Instead of the disconnected minute dots and dashes for vowels of other systems, the vowels are represented by full lines, written in their place in words in a continuous line, and hence capable of any connection which may be added to the consonant lines. The corresponding style is developed in six easy lessons, which, with two additional lessons, constitute the abbreviated style, which is the basis of the reporting style; the reporting style, comprising under a few general principles all the contractions, abbreviations, prefix, affix, word and phrase signs necessary to the fullest furnishing for verbatim reporting, constitutes, it is claimed, the shortest and simplest method of recording thought yet invented. The system is profusely illustrated by more than 75 pages of engravings produced by the photo-lithographic process. D., cloth, \$2.

RECOLLECTIONS OF WRITERS, by Charles and Mary Cowden Clarke. (Charles Scribner's Sons.) Covering, as these recollections do, more than half a century, names appear among them of which the present generation has only a delightful acquaintance through their owners' writings. To each name is appended a most graphic pen-picture, the result of a long and intimate friendship and correspondence. The details in each case are so fresh and bright that nothing so interesting in this line has recently appeared. The paper on "Charles Dickens and his Letters" is specially charming. Mrs. Clarke was associated with Dickens and his friends in numerous amateur theatrical enterprises, and is full of merry anecdotes, and reminiscences of pleasant days. The paper shows Dickens at his best, brimming over with fun, wit, and good-nature. "Recollections of John Keats," written by Mr. Clarke, though published some years ago in England, offers new facts and impressions relative to the young poet. The other papers are 120 pages of "General Recollections," in which every celebrated name in literature of this century finds a place; "Charles Lamb and his Letters," "Mary Lamb," "Leigh Hunt and his Letters," and "Douglas Jerrold and his Letters." A very interesting fac-simile of one of Charles Dickens' characteristic letters is bound in the volume. D., cloth, \$1.75.

JOHN-A-DREAMS.—**MRS. JACK**, by Frances Eleanor Trollope. (Appletons.) Nos. 18 and 19 of *Appletons' New Handy-Volume Series*. The character of the hero of "John-a-Dreams" is foreshadowed by the title. He is a dreamy, aimless sort of a fellow, with much talent and very little force of purpose, who wins a most charming young girl, certainly

through no great effort of his own. Aside from the love story, the book contains some very fine character sketches of London literary and society people. S., paper, 30 cents.—**MRS. JACK-LILLY**, only called "Mrs. Jack" to distinguish her from her husband's mother, is a pretty young widow with a disagreeable father-in-law, who refuses to make her an allowance, as he desires to force her and her little girl to come and live under his roof, where there are three uncongenial sisters-in-law and an unlovely mother-in-law. Mrs. Jack determines to take her fate in her own hands: attempts to make some money by teaching, and disgraces the family. Although her high spirits cause her to fail in becoming a model governess, she is thrown by her efforts in contact with a rich man, who loves her and makes her his wife. A simple little story with a stereotyped plot, but very charmingly told. S., paper, 20 cents.

THE BREWERY AT TAYLORVILLE, by Mary Dwinell Chellis.—**HARRY THE PRODIGAL**, by Mrs. E. F. Richmond.—**COALS OF FIRE**, by M. Alice Sweet. (National Temp. Soc.) The motive of all these works is to show the horrors and miseries which result from intemperance. They are written for young people, and especially designed for Sunday-school libraries. In the first story, a brewery, which is established in a prosperous, happy little town, works all the mischief. Wives and husbands and children fall victims to the temptations of drink, and families are divided and ruined, heart-breaking details being given of it all. S., cloth, \$1.50.—The second story has for its hero a young boy who gets into a quarrel while under the influence of liquor, and so angers his father by his behavior that he orders him to leave the house. Harry goes to sea, and has many reverses and adventures, but his innate nobility of character triumphs in the end and makes a fine fellow of him. S., cloth, \$1.25.—The third story opens with a fearful crime; a drunken husband murders his wife, and then falls in the snow and is frozen to death. The children of this couple are the heroes of the book. S., cloth, \$1.

LIFE AND ADVENTURE IN JAPAN, by E. Warren Clark. (American Tract Soc.) Although this book was written for young people, mature minds will also find it full of interesting information presented in a very attractive style. The author resided four years in the country, from 1871 to 1875, in the service of the Japanese Government, hence gathered his sketches of many novel phases of Japanese life and character, and his record of the latest religious and political events, from his own observation and experience. The book contains 32 illustrations taken from original photographs. S., cloth, \$1.25.—"Handsome Harry," by Sarah E. Chester, from the same publishers, and "Christmas Jack," by Rev. Edward A. Rand, are two stories for boys. The first illustrates the proverb, "Handsome is that handsome does." The second relates to a poor little boy, who has an intemperate father who is won back to decency and respectability through Christmas Jack's patience and self-sacrifice. Both stories are well written, are full of bright natural people, and have well worked out plots. Each, S., cloth, \$1.

COUSIN POLLY'S GOLD MINE, by Mrs. A. E. Porter. (Harpers.) A quiet New England village, which is eventually invaded by the

railroad, and through which the poor farmers become rich, is the background of a rather colorless story. Cousin Polly is a poor, miserly huckleberry woman, who has an Aunt Betsy who dreams dreams about gold and silver mines, and who has even picked up some "shining stones" off her own land, about which there are many traditions. Cousin Polly puts faith in the traditions and refuses to sell Aunt Betsy's acres, which she inherits, to the railroad people, and is rewarded in after-years by really finding a gold mine on her place, which she sells out for (to her) an immense sum of money. As she has not any wants beyond food and raiment, her money is a great care to her, but she fortunately dies very soon through an accident in her own gold mine, and the fortune goes to her cousin, a most deserving young man. The cousin is a twin brother, and as the twins love the same woman, a very pathetic love story is the result. The tenth volume of *Harper's Library of American Fiction*. O, paper, 40 cents.

PRAIRIE DAYS, by Mary B. Sleight. (Dutton.) This story is located in the days when Illinois was the "Far West," and one travelled in a sloop to Albany, and progressed by canal-boat to Buffalo. An Eastern family, impoverished by a sudden fire, make this journey, through the persuasions of an "Uncle Luke," who has settled in the West, and who sets forth its advantage so eloquently that his relatives "pull up stakes," as he advises, and go for "pastures new." Their final home is Osego, after a most amusing experience at living in Uncle Luke's log cabin. In Osego they take possession of a most charming home, in which the children, six in number, flourish and are very happy. The children's exploits form the greater part of the narrative. Their love of adventure carries them into some queer predicaments, while their reflections and observations upon the many novel sights they see are at all times very amusing. Some of the character-sketching is quite clever, "Miss Sykes" being an example. The volume is illustrated. D., cloth, \$1.50.

ANNOTATED POEMS OF ENGLISH AUTHORS, edited by the Rev. Edward T. Stevens and Rev. David Morris. (Lippincott.) Of this series four volumes have been published. Gray's "Elegy in a Country Churchyard" (20 cents), Goldsmith's "Deserted Village" (20 cents) and "Traveller" (25 cents), and Scott's "Lady of the Lake," Canto I. (25 cents). The series is intended for schools and academies, and students generally. Each poem is prefaced by a short sketch of the author's life and other necessary information regarding the style and design of the poem. Copious notes, grammatical hints, etc., are given at the foot of each page. The type is clear and attractive, and each poem is embellished with a suitable illustration. As the series supplies a want of students of our standard English poets, and as the volumes are placed at the lowest possible price, they ought to meet with a large demand. Each, S., bound in cloth limp.

A MANUAL OF THE MECHANICS OF ENGINEERING, by Dr. Phil. Julius Weisbach. Vol. II. (Wiley.) The present work completes the second volume of Weisbach's "Mechanics," of which the first half—"Hydraulics and Hydraulic Motors"—was given to the public about a year ago. It treats of "Heat, Steam, and Steam-

Engines." It is illustrated by five hundred wood-cuts in the text, and is translated from the fourth augmented and improved German edition by Prof. A. Jay Du Bois, with whom was associated Mr. Richard H. Buel, who has made many additions to the book with especial reference to American practice. The third volume, which completes the course, is promised shortly. The work in its entirety will then furnish technical schools and colleges with a full and thorough mechanical course, well adapted to the wants of young students. O., cloth, \$6.

ELEMENTS OF GEOMETRY, by G. A. Wentworth. (Ginn & Heath.) One hundred and fifty pages on Solid Geometry have been added to this work since last year, when the first edition was published. The work is for beginners, and great pains have been taken with the form in which the subject is presented. It has been made as concise and simple as possible, and all unnecessary discussions avoided. Special attention has also been given to the typography: the figures are large and distinct, and are placed in the middle of the page, so that they fall immediately under the eye in connection with the corresponding text; and the text is very clear and elegant, making altogether a very attractive page. D., cloth, \$1.25 net.

THE MANAGEMENT AND DISEASES OF THE DOG, by John Woodroffe Hill. (Cogswell.) The diseases to which the canine is subjected seem to be as numerous and complicated as those which afflict poor human nature. Mr. Woodroffe Hill has made a thorough study of them, their various symptoms, and the best methods of treatment, the results of which contained in this work will be found invaluable to all owning or caring for dogs. He also gives a chapter on the general management of dogs, and on accidents and operations. The work covers a field that has not been very deeply studied in a scientific way, excepting by a few writers. No other book before the public is so thorough and instructive on all points as this. It contains thirty-nine illustrations. D., cloth, \$2.

ALL AROUND THE HOUSE, by Mrs. H. W. Beecher. (Appleton.) Besides a great number of receipts for making yeast, bread, preserves, pickles, pastry, cakes, cooking vegetables, meats, etc., and much miscellaneous information as to removing stains or spots and cleansing various household articles, clothes, and so on, this volume contains some ninety gossip papers upon all matters relating to the keeping and beautifying of a home, such as the selection of carpets, the best way of marketing, the arrangement of the kitchen, things to be considered in shopping, washing of lace curtains, house cleaning, washing flannels, management of infants, table-manners, etc., etc. The information given is very practical, and offered in a very pleasing and attractive style. D., cloth, \$1.50.

A QUIET LIFE, by Mrs. F. H. Burnett. (Peterson.) Two stories are contained in this little volume. The name of the second one is "The Tide on the Moaning Bar." They both tell of unrequited love. The heroine of "A Quiet Life," the daughter of a Scotch clergyman, is a pretty, shy, trusting girl whose charming ways help to break the monotony of a long summer

for her father's patron, a noble young lord, come home after a long absence to visit his estates. After winning the girl's love he rides away and forgets her, while she dies broken-hearted. The heroine of the second story, a handsome, wild Irish girl, is also deceived and deserted, and ends her life on the "Moaning Bar." Sad as the two stories are, they have all the freshness and charm that cling to Mrs. Burnett's early effusions. Sq. S., pap., 50 cents.

THE BOY TRAPPER, by Harry Castlemon. (Porter & Coates.) In the story of "The Buried Treasure," the preceding volume of this "Boy Trapper Series," it will be remembered how Godfrey Evans endeavored to find a treasure said to have been buried during the war in a potato-patch, and his subsequent fright and flight. This volume opens with David and his mother and the worthless Dan at home alone. David is still befriended by the Gordon boys, who get him an order from a northern club to trap and send north fifty dozen live quail. The trapping of these birds and the hunting of a bear, both events fraught with many incidents and mishaps, occupy the whole of the book, a thick one, too, of over 300 pages. D., cloth, \$1.25.

ON THE PLAINS AND AMONG THE PEAKS, by Mary Dartt. (Claxton, R. & H.) Visitors to the Centennial Exhibition of two years ago will remember the beautiful natural history collection, made by Mrs. Maxwell, representing the fauna of Colorado, and located in the Kansas and Colorado building. This exhibition excited the greatest curiosity, both as to the personality of the collector, how she obtained her specimens, and in what way she learned to so beautifully preserve them and so artistically group them. This little book, written by a friend, tells all of this, offering, in fact, a complete biography of Mrs. Maxwell, and also giving many amusing scenes which really occurred around this much-admired collection. S., cloth, \$1; paper, 50 cents.

ELEMENTARY ARITHMETIC, by William G. Peck. (Barnes.) This work is designed as the introductory volume of the two-book course of Davies and Peck. It is especially adapted to beginners. Three objects have been constantly kept in view in preparing the work—to make it educational, practical, and suited to the capacity of any child whose mind is sufficiently mature to commence the study of arithmetic. To attain these objects, every new subject has been introduced by an inductive process, and the idea thus developed has been expressed in the form of a definition. The methods and rules have been deduced from practical operations and enforced by familiar illustrations. The volume is handsomely and attractively printed. S., cloth, 60 cents.

SERMONS, by the Rev. Phillips Brooks. (Dutton.) These sermons, twenty in number, are dedicated to the three parishes of Boston and Philadelphia of which the author was so long a loved and honored pastor. They discuss "The Purpose and Use of Comfort," "The Withheld Completions of Life," "The Consolations of God," "The Present and Future Faith," "The Symbol and the Reality," "The Shortness of Life," "Humility," "The Positiveness of the Divine Life," and other subjects. The sermons display very little sec-

tarianism, and are imbued with a warm human sympathy that will make them read by all classes and denominations. D., cloth, \$1.75.

ON THE ROAD TO RICHES, by William H. Maher. (J. Fred Waggoner.) These hints for clerks and young business men are full of practical wisdom, and offered in a most attractive guise. They were written with the single desire of helping onward, on his way towards success, the young man just starting on a business career. They discuss his leaving home, his choice of city or country, his first situation, the advantages of a permanent situation, behind the counter, at the desk, on the road, buying goods, selling goods, etc., etc., with much more that will interest and instruct all classes of business men. D., cloth, \$1.50.

SCIENTIFIC MEMOIRS, by John William Draper. (Harpers.) Thirty memoirs or histories of experiments made by the author in reference to the effects of radiations or of radiant energy. These papers were distinguished by the American Academy of Science by its award to Prof. Draper of the Rumford medal for discoveries in light and heat. The volume contains the results of the most important investigations made by the writer, in this direction, during the past forty years, and is one therefore of great importance to scientists. A very fine engraving of Prof. Draper will be found in the volume. O, cloth, \$3.

THE SPRINGDALE SERIES. (Carters.) The series consists of six little books put up in a neat box. The titles of the books are "The Boys of Springdale," "The Little Sand Boy," "The Village Flower Show," "Miss Trouble-house," "Catherine's Peril," and "Little Nellie." Each book has a brightly colored picture in the front, and an appropriate chromo in gay tints on the cover. The stories are not for the very youngest children, but they could be read to those who could not read them, with profit and entertainment. S., \$2.

THE POLITICAL ADVENTURES OF LORD BEACONSFIELD. (Charles Scribner's Sons.) The brilliant papers here reprinted have appeared anonymously in the *Fortnightly Review*. At the publication of the first, Lord Beaconsfield seemed to have reached the climax of his remarkable career. Recent political events again bring him prominently before the world, and excite a renewed interest in his life and character. These papers, with their keen analysis and incisive wit, present a striking picture of one of the greatest statesmen and most brilliant writers of the time. S, cloth, 75 cents; paper, 41 cents.

LITTLE LIGHTS ALONG SHORE, by Paul Cobden. (Carter.) A number of little stories for the young, setting forth the good that may be done through a pleasant smile, a kind word, a tender caress, or a helpful deed. These are the "little lights" the boys and girls are asked by the author to set out on shore to guide "sad and weary voyagers on their way." S., cloth, \$1.25.

SEQUEL TO "ESSAYS," by Charles E. Townsend. (Somerby.) Letters and papers, written to friends and the public, in reply to criticisms and reviews of the author's work entitled "Essays on Mind, Matter, Forces, Theology, etc." D., cloth, \$1.

LITERARY AND TRADE NOTES.

GEO. P. PUTNAM'S SONS have in preparation a new and cheap edition of Irving's "Sketch Book," especially adapted for school reading.

J. CHURCH & Co.'s new singing school and convention book, "The Harvest of Song," is having great success.

PROF. JAS. K. HOSMER, of St. Louis, is preparing from his Washington University lectures a volume on German literature, which he hopes to publish this fall.

EGGLESTON'S "Roxy" has gone to a second edition at Charles Scribner's Sons', and has been published in a two-volume library edition abroad.

THE latest additions to the little *Wisdom Series* published by Roberts Brothers are "The Wisdom of Jesus, the Son of Sirach" and "Selections from the Apocrypha."

THE new cyclopedia of poetical literature, in preparation by Epes Sargent for publication by Harper & Bros., is not likely to appear before the beginning of next year.

It is said that 60,000 copies of Mrs. Burnett's "Lass o' Lowrie's" have been sold in England during the year and a half since the book first appeared.

MACMILLAN & Co. have just in a little book on "Habitual Drunkenness and Insane Drunkards," by J. C. Bucknill, F.R.S., which deals suggestively with a problem now occupying much thought.

THE great popularity and demand for "Songs of Yesterday," by Benj. F. Taylor, has obliged the publishers, S. C. Griggs & Co., to bring out a new edition of that work, which will be ready in about two weeks.

THOMAS CARLYLE has begun his autobiography, which he intends to be his last work, and which is to be published after his death. Houghton, Osgood & Co. take time by the forelock by announcing it at once.

"DRIFT WEED" is the title chosen by Mrs. Celia Thaxter for a new volume of poems, which Houghton, Osgood & Co. will publish in November. Hers is a seashore muse, and in her range there is none superior.

PROF. MOSES COIT TYLER's important work on "American Colonial Literature," the first part of his "History of American Literature," will be issued by G. P. Putnam's Sons in two volumes instead of one, as at first planned.

J. SABIN & SONS have just issued parts 59 and 60 (from Literary to McClary) of "A Dictionary of Books relating to America from its Discovery to the Present Time," by Joseph Sabin.

F. H. THOMAS & Co., St. Louis, have in press a work on "The Bench and Bar of Missouri," by W. V. N. Bay, late Judge of the State Supreme Court. It consists mainly of anecdotes and reminiscences. The book opens with a twenty-page chapter on Thomas H. Benton.

THE "Bodleys on Wheels" naturally goes fast. Orders for it reach Houghton, Osgood & Co. faster than they can fill them—by fifties, hundreds, and, in several instances, by thousands. The two other "Bodley" books feel the impulse, and are in great demand.

THE volume of Sermons by Rev. Phillips Brooks is having a remarkably good sale, which seems likely not to stop short of 10,000 copies. It now remains to be seen whether there are as many High Churchmen to buy Dr. Morgan Dix's Sermons, which E. P. Dutton & Co. now have out.

CASELL, PETTER & GALPIN are now completing their illustrated subscription edition of Farrar's "Life of Christ," which forms a superb volume in quarto, with a portrait of the author prepared expressly for the American edition, a colored map, 32 steel plates, and 300 original illustrations on wood. This is a work which has already sold splendidly and is sure to sell permanently.

S. C. GRIGGS & Co., Chicago, will publish about the 10th of November a new work by Prof. Matthews, for which there has been considerable inquiry of late, entitled "Oratory and Orators." It will be a 12mo of about 450 pages, and uniform with his other works. These publishers have now in press the fortieth thousand of "Getting On in the World," and the fourteenth thousand of "Words; their Use and Abuse."

HOUGHTON, OSGOOD & Co. give to books which they especially delight to honor the name of their famous Press, and call them *Riverside Editions*. Bacon, Cooper, Dickens, De Quincey, Macaulay, the Waverley Novels, and the British Poets are well known by this name. To these they now add their standard issues of Carlyle's Essays, Emerson's Prose Works (in two volumes), Madame De Staël's Germany, Montaigne, Pascal, Fenelon's Telemachus, and Voltaire's Charles XII.

MILTON BRADLEY & Co., Springfield, Mass., have in press a "Hand-book for the Kindergarten," which will contain 75 full quarto lithographed plates, revised from the "Paradise of Childhood," and prefaced with brief suggestions and directions by the ladies of the celebrated Florence Kindergarten. This is intended to meet a want among kindergartens of a full set of plates with short notes covering the whole series of gifts and occupations, which they could get in a compact and cheap form.

THE AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY issue this week a very handsome volume by Prof. Schaff, "Through Bible Lands." It will be a large 12mo, and profusely illustrated. They also have in press a new wall-roll, entitled "Thoughts for the Day, with a Bible Reading for every Day in the Year." It will be a great improvement on the ordinary wall-rolls, on account of the Bible readings being selected to harmonize with the scriptural and poetical quotations for the day.

LITTLE, BROWN & Co. will publish this month a new edition of the remarkable "Orations and Speeches of Rufus Choate," in two volumes, uniform with Brown's "Life of Choate." They also have in press a third volume of Speeches by Hon. Robert C. Winthrop, who has rarely, if ever, been surpassed in grace and urbanity of thought, and in felicity of style. A new edition of Fletcher's "Brazil and the Brazilians," which the historian Prescott praised in very emphatic terms, will soon be published.

SOME paragraphist calls attention to the success of American writers in England. Bret

Harte has one of his dialect stories in *Belgravia*; Mark Twain's articles are regularly reprinted in London; W. W. Story is a regular contributor to *Blackwood*; Henry James, Jr., E. S. Nadal, Mrs. Louise Chandler Moulton, Rev. Leonard W. Bacon and Mrs. Burnett are on the staff of the writers in *Macmillan's*; Bayard Taylor and Edgar Fawcett are writing poetry for the English magazines, and the new "Encyclopædia Britannica" depends to some extent upon American writers.

MR. C. A. NELSON, of Boston, has edited an interesting volume on "Waltham, Past and Present, and its Industries," which will be published next month by Thos. Lewis, of Cambridgeport. It will be elegantly gotten up, and the photographs, by one of the best of out-door photographers, include locations of historic interest, churches, natural scenery, exteriors and interiors of the Waltham watch factory, other factories, etc. The book will contain a history of Waltham from the settlement of Watertown, its parent town, in 1630, to the present time. It is the first of a proposed series of Town histories to be illustrated with choice permanent photographs, printed upon heavy paper, and inserted in the volume *without mounting*, thus avoiding the curling incident to photographic illustrations hitherto.

THE new novel by E. P. Roe, "A Face Illumined," is now printing at Dodd, Mead & Co.'s, and may be expected about Nov. 1st. A very large first edition is on the press, yet it is likely to be at once exhausted by early orders. Of Mr. Roe's six novels, over 133,000 copies have already been issued, a number which will be brought up to 150,000 by the publication of the new book. It is remarkable that the total sales of the later books are almost up to the totals of the earliest, "A Knight of the Nineteenth Century," issued last year, having already sold nearly 20,000 copies, while the earlier five books foot up 13,350 during the year ending Aug. 1st, 1878. The new story is novel and attractive in plot, and, it is thought, will prove the best piece of work Mr. Roe has done. The next volume in the *Lives of Famous Indians*, from these publishers, will be "Red Eagle."

GINN & HEATH have just issued "Plane and Spherical Trigonometry," by Prof. H. A. Wheeler, of Cambridge. The "Plane Trigonometry" was published two years ago, and has been introduced into Harvard, Yale, Cornell, Tufts, and other colleges and several important academies. A similar prosperous fortune is anticipated for the new work. Its typography is worthy of special mention. They have also just ready "Six Selections from Irving's Sketch-Book," including "The Voyage," "Westminster Abbey," "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow," "The Widow and her Son," "Rip Van Winkle," and "Christmas Eve," equipped with an Irving chronology, a brief account of Irving's literary career, notes, and suggestive questions. Col. Homer B. Sprague, Head Master of the Boston Girls' High School, and M. E. Scates, for many years instructor in English in the same school, prepared this excellent and admirably printed text book, which cannot fail to be popular with teachers and pupils.

JOHN WILEY & SONS have nearly ready their revised edition of Rotherham's "Critically Emphasized New Testament." This is a new translation, and embodies all the most

recent investigations, the readings from the Codex Siniaticus, new renderings, etc. The work is handsomely printed with a wide margin for ms. notes, and will be bound in cloth, red top and bevelled edges, and in half and full morocco. They have also in preparation "Wrinkles and Recipes," by Park Benjamin, 13th edition, revised and enlarged. These notes are compiled from the *Scientific American*, and contain practical information for the engineer, machinist, farmer, and housekeeper, well illustrated and in flexible cover. The "Wrinkles and Recipes" have in some instances been written by such distinguished engineers as Prof. R. H. Thurston, R. H. Buel, and P. H. Van der Wyde, while the machinist notes are in great measure by Joshua Rose. Mr. Park Benjamin has edited the work throughout and contributed to its usefulness. This firm, also, are about to issue a subscription edition of Ruskin's "Modern Painters," "Stones of Venice," and "Seven Lamps," handsomely printed, and with fine copies of the English steel plates.

A BIOGRAPHY of Wm. Cobbett, by Edward Smith, is in press abroad.

MRS. LYNN LINTON will shortly begin a new serial, "Under which King?"

EVELYN JERROLD is engaged upon the "Life and Labors of Balzac," already in a forward state.

A NEW work by Jules Verne, entitled "Dick Sands, the Boy Captain," will presently be published.

SPIELHAGEN has just published a series of descriptive sketches entitled "Von Neapel bis Syrakus."

THE new volume of the *Theological and Philosophical Library* will be on "Practical Theology," by Prof. van Oosterzee.

JUSTIN MCCARTHY is writing a novel with the curious title of "Donna Quixote," and a history of the reign of Victoria.

PROFESSOR J. E. FROBISHER, the elocutionist, is preparing a new book, to be called "Acting and Oratory," which is promised for early issue.

HACHETTE & Co. of Paris are about to publish an illustrated edition, by Bida, of Esther, Ruth, Joseph, and Tobias.

MR. SPURGEON's little work, "John Ploughman's Talk," has attained a circulation of 250,000 copies in the English edition alone.

LUCIEN BIART, writer of "The Adventures of a Young Naturalist," has written a new book called "Two Friends."

MR. SMILES' new book, the "Life of a Scotch Geologist, Robert Dick, Baker of Thurso," will shortly be published.

GEORGE MACDONALD's new novel, "Sir Gibbie," is now printing in serial form. The scene of the story is chiefly in the north of Scotland.

MISS BRADDON's new Christmas Annual, "The Mistletoe Bough," will consist of eighteen "Sprigs," eight of which will be illustrated with whole-page engravings.

A SERIES of weekly stories of modern life is announced in England under the editorial care of Miss Planché, the author of "A Trap to Catch the Sunbeam."

MOXON & Co. are proposing to publish Doré's illustrations of the "Idyls of the King," in one volume. They have obtained Mr. Tennyson's permission to print the passages from the poems which are illustrated in the plates.

THE coming volume of Bampton Lectures is entitled "Zechariah and his Prophecies, especially the Messianic, considered in Relation to Modern Criticism," by the Rev. C. H. H. Wright.

A NEW work is promised from Dr. Cunningham Geikie, author of "The Life and Words of Christ." It is called "The English Reformation: How it came about, and why we should uphold it."

CAPT. R. F. BURTON has sent to press two volumes entitled "Midian Revisited." They describe his last journey of four months in North-western Arabia, to which a former volume, "The Gold Mines of Midian," has served as preface or *avant-courier*.

TENNYSON'S recent visit to Connemara in Ireland is to result in a new idyl called "The Daughter of Dervarghal." The story is said to be founded on a romantic passage in Irish history, and to have its incidents and scenes laid entirely in Ireland.

THERE is in preparation in England a brochure of about fifty pages, giving "The Bibliography of Ruskin." It will contain a list arranged in chronological order of his published writings in prose and verse, from 1835 to the present time.

BOTH Spain and Belgium, it is stated, now have before their legislatures laws amending the copyright system. One proposes the term of protection to be fifty years from the death of the author, the other eighty years. This in addition to a life-long copyright.

MR RUSKIN expects soon to complete the eighth volume of "Fors Clavigera," and as early as possible to finish the "Proserpina," "Deucalion," and the "Laws of Fesole" series. In connection with the "Laws of Fesole," he intends to issue a folio series of engravings, from drawings by himself and others, as copies for students.

THE new edition of Burns, by Mr. Chas. Kent, on the eve of publication by the Messrs. Routledge, will contain, besides a biographical introduction, a carefully bracketed annotation prefixed to nearly every poem, song, epigram, epitaph and impromptu. The poetical works in this edition will be complete, and arranged, as far as possible, in chronological order.

MESSRS. BENTLEY, of London, are about to issue a new series of handy, readable works, at the price of half-a-crown each, to be printed on good paper, in good type, and neatly bound. The series will bear the name of *The Empire Library*, and six volumes, all by writers of repute, will be published simultaneously early in the season.

THE Berlin Historical Society projects a systematic annual review, bibliographical and critical, of the whole current of European historical literature. The editors are Drs. Abraham, Meyer, and Hermann, between whom the subdivisions are arranged, and Mittler & Son of Berlin will be the publishers. The first volume will be devoted to the literature of the present year.

SAMPSON LOW & Co. have in preparation for the coming season an edition of Miss Mitford's famous work, "Our Village," illustrated with frontispiece steel engraving, twelve full-page wood-cuts, and 157 text-cuts of figure subjects and scenes, from drawings by Messrs. W. H. J. Boot and C. O. Murray, chiefly from sketches made by these artists in the neighborhood of "Our Village."

M. JULES SIMON'S work on "Le Gouvernement de M. Thiers" will form two volumes octavo, and will give, for the first time, an account of the important political events of that stirring period, written by an eye-witness who occupied an exceptional position. An English translation will be published almost simultaneously with the French original, and may be expected before the close of the year.

THE Statistical Abstract of the Board of Trade of the United Kingdom has just been issued, giving the facts of the book export and import in 1877. The total import of printed books reached £157,303, as against £150,099 in 1876, while the exports amounted to £897,742, against £881,839 in the preceding year. The books imported from France were valued at £47,266, exported at £37,002. The imports from Germany amounted to £33,707, exports to £22,204.

THE following additions to Bohn's Standard Library are announced: Miss Martineau's "History of England, from 1800-15;" Lessing's Dramatic Works, Vol. II., containing all the complete comedies written by Lessing; and Lessing's Prose Works, a selection comprising the "Laocoon" (Beesley's translation), "Hamburg Dramatic Notes," and "How the Ancients Represented Death." The two last pieces have been translated by Miss Helen Zimmern.

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THE widow of the late Mr. Charles J. Mathews, states the *Athenæum*, has put into the hands of Mr. Charles Dickens abundant material for a life of the famous comedian. This material includes, for the early life, an autobiography, prepared for publication by Mr. Mathews, together with notes for the continuation of the same, letters, etc. Mr. Dickens intends further to supplement this matter by all the letters and information bearing on the subject that he can collect from other sources. The book will be published in the course of next year by Macmillan & Co.

AMONG Messrs. Longmans' announcements for the fall are "A History of England from the Conclusion of the Great War in 1815," by Mr. Spencer Walpole, vols. 1 and 2; "Literary Studies," by the late Mr. Bagehot, edited by Mr. Hutton; "A History of Ancient Egypt," in 2 vols., by Prof. Rawlinson; "The Past, Present, and Future of the English Tongue," by Mr. W. Marshall; "A Poetry-Book of Elder Poets," "A Poetry-Book of Modern Poets,"

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JOURNALISTIC NOTES.

Punch's volume of Beaconsfield cartoons is to be followed by *Judy's* similar collection illustrating the career of Mr. Gladstone. These cartoons cover a period of only ten years, while those of *Punch* cover thirty.

W. D. HOWELLS has written a new story, called "The Lady of the Aroostook," which will begin in the November *Atlantic*, and run through three numbers, coming out in book-form in December, after the issue of the January *Atlantic*.

THE educational number, "Catalogue des Livres Classiques pour la re-entrée des classes, 1878," of the *Bibliographia de la France, Journal General*, is just at hand. It covers nearly 300 pages, of advertisements exclusively, the sole editorial work being three pages of index. The happy editor!

MRS. DODGE having returned to active editorial management of *St. Nicholas*, after a long

vacation, a long article and two poems from her pen will appear in the forthcoming November number, and in the "Letter-Box" she will hold a little chat with the young folks about her recent journey to California.

Scribner's Monthly, whose long series of illustrated papers on "The Great South" will be remembered, expects to print before long some unillustrated articles on "The New South," by a Southern writer. The magazine will publish, moreover, during the coming year, a series of illustrated articles, by a Confederate soldier, on life in the Rebel army. The November number will contain "The Spelling Bee at Angel's," Bret Harte's new "Truthful James" poem; and a biography of the poet Longfellow, by the poet Stoddard.

STATIONERY NOTES.

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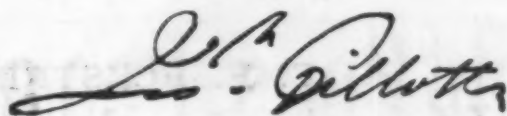
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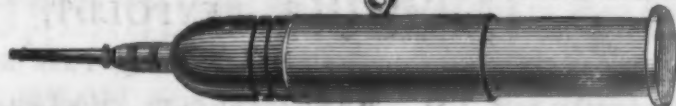
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